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**Essex County Sunday School Association.**  
The Twentieth Annual Convention of the Essex County S. S. Association will be held in the Clinton Avenue Reformed Church, Newark, N. J., on Wednesday, October 22, 1879. Sessions at 9:30 A.M., 12 M., and 7:30 P.M. The following programme of exercises has been arranged:

MORNING SESSION.  
Devotional Exercises, conducted by L. Stephen, Esq.

Greetings.  
Singing and appointment of officers.  
Address: Relation of the Pastors of the Sunday School to the Students and Teachers. J. French, D. D., Pastor of Park Street Church, of Newark.

Reports from township Secretaries.

AFTERNOON SESSION.  
Prayer and Praise.

Discussions: "How can we secure better Teachers in the future?" Three minute speeches, preceded by a ten minute address, by Rev. Samuel T. Graham.

Discussion: "How can we better the lesson of the scholars secured?" Three minute speeches, preceded by a ten minute address, by J. M. Whiton.

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3:30 Discussion: "What can be done to secure better Teachers in the future?" Three minute speeches, preceded by a ten minute address, by W. S. Clark, Esq.

3:45 Discussion: "How can we unify the Church and School?" Three minute speeches, preceded by a ten minute address, by Wm. J. R. Taylor, D. D.

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4:35 Reports of officers and committees.

EVENING SESSION.  
Selections on the organ, S. A. Ward, Esq.

7:30 Prayer and Praise.

7:40 Bible Reading, Prof. W. F. Sherwin.

8:00 Address by J. B. Thomas, D. D., pastor of the First Baptist Church, Brooklyn, formerly of Chicago.

9:00 Closing Exercises.

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The two got together frequently to consult about the best methods of conducting the business of their farms. On the 4th of July, 1876, at Utica, Mr. Lewis addressed his friends from the balcony of the president's pavilion, and that occasion he paid a handsome tribute to Mr. Lewis's integrity as a man. At the same time he deplored his lack of good judgment in entering into politics. "I went into the governing business at once," said he, "and it was a mistake." When, in his opinion, he turned toward the prisoner and his friends and quoted from Cowper's hymn:

Ye faithful saints free from care take,  
The world's a briar, and you break  
And swim through it, and you break  
With many on your head.

Mr. Blair and many other women in the audience wept. Blair shielded his face from the observation of the jury with a palm leaf fan, and wiped his eyes with a handkerchief.

The trial of Mr. Parker's time was taken by Mr. Curtis with Parker in commanding up for the defense. He said he would confine himself to the law and the facts in the case, and show that in each succeeding scene of the dreadful drama, Mr. Blair was in the right, and Armstrong in every step of the transaction. Mr. Parker's defense was that he was wrong in going for his pistol, because the man in his employ was subordinate, had threatened his life if he entered the barn. It had been said that he should have gone for a "Squire or constable." He did not know where to find either, and could he go away on the farm, for that man held possession of the barn, and he could not get him out of it, and threatened to take his life if he entered the barn, and leave his property, his wife, and his children at the mercy of that violent, almost lunatic man? Was he bound to do so? Did the law say he should desert his possessions and leave this wild man raging loose? Armstrong had but one defense, instead of this dreadful drama, another would have occurred.

What are we masters and householders for? Why does God give us children and put us in possession of relations in which protection is due from us? Is it that as far as our authority is delated, we should be afraid to let our children from the hands of a Sheriff or Constable when the law says, "you are the protectors, you are the masters." These houses are your castles, and over them shall exert all power of defence."

Mr. Parker reviewed most of the testimony in the case, and maintained that Armstrong's statement was maliciously false and incredible.

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## The Blair Trial.

The interest in the trial of Joseph A. Blair has increased from day to day, and as we go to press, the summing up by the State and charge in the jury are bringing the sad case to a close. The evidence for the defendant, given on Monday, was mainly to the effect that Blair acted in defense of himself and his family. The principal witness were Miss Diaper, Mrs. Wheeler, and the prisoner himself, who related detail his story of the tragedy, contradicting the essential particulars, the ante-mortem statement of Armstrong and the testimony of Ophelia Dyer. A sensation was created by showing, in a cross-examination of the witness, that through the influence of her father, she had offered to leave the country for a money consideration to be paid by Mr. Blair's friends, but which was not accepted. A large number of witnesses testified to the good character of the defendant, among them Mr. Baker of this place, who knew Mr. Blair as a boy in Sunday School.

The summing up by the State began on Tuesday, and was an able, clear and judicial statement of the case. He held that upon the evidence of Rosselot alone, excluding all the rest, Blair should be exonerated of murder. He said that even though the defendant had discharged Armstrong, and ordered him out of his premises, he had no right to shoot him, and that he could defend his house with a deadly weapon, but not his or any other building. He argued that Armstrong ran up the stairs and to his room to get away from the danger of Blair's pistol, just as Rosselot ran behind the bar, because he had a pistol in his hand, and was afraid he would be shot.

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All the Freetholders of Middlesex county have been induced for illegally taking emoluments in addition to their pension salaries. It is expected that they will plead "non val" issuing their action on the custom of the Boards for years, under the idea of the legality of the expenses,

S. E. PERCY, Auctioneer.

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AUCTION.  
To be sold on Glenwood avenue near Corby's Building.  
On Tuesday, Oct. 21st, at 2:30 P.M.  
Household Goods consisting of one fine Walnut Dresser, Mirrors, Bedding, Stoves, Carpets and many other articles, belonging to the Rev. Class. Min. to be sold on account of sickness.  
If necessary, sale postponed to Thursday, next.

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CLOTHES, CASSIMERES, VESTIMENTA, READY MADE CLOTHING & GENTS' FURNISHING GOODS, Bloomfield.

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MISS GRACE A. MOORE will open a school for little girls on the 1st of September, at her residence on State St. between Liberty and Park Sts. Teaching after the Public School system. Parents wishing to communicate with her, can do so by writing to her office through Mrs. Moore, and she will call on them at their residence if desired.

GEO. H. THOMAS, Morris Neighborhood.

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W. V. SNYDER & CO.,  
727 & 729 Broad St., Newark.

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Formerly of Bloomfield wishes to inform her friends and the public in particular that she will be at Corby's Brick Building, Glenwood Ave., Corby's Building, between State and Broad Streets, on the 1st of October, 1879, for the purpose of giving a Lecture on Dressing, Shampooing, Children's Hair Cutting and Ornamental Hair Work.

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